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**From: Rozell Williams, Jr.** : *Atty. Dkt. No.: 9D-HL-25129*

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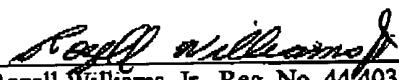
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**Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR CONTROLLING OPERATION OF WASHING MACHINES**

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     FOR CONTROLLING OPERATION :  
     OF WASHING MACHINES :

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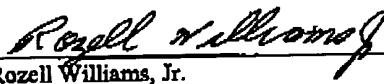
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
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third month	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
fourth month	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
fifth month	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee: \$

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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OR

(b)  Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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In response to the Final Office Action dated December 28, 2004, and made final,  
Applicants hereby submit the following remarks and request reconsideration of the present claim  
rejections.